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Honorable Harrison A. Williams, Jr. United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Williams: -

Thank you for your letter of 21 November 1978 enclosing correspondence from Mr. Frank A. Rifkin of Roselle, New Jersey. Mr. Rifkin was concerned about this Agency's commitment to equal opportunity employment because of a news item he read alleging the contrary in the case of a project to retrieve a sunken Russian submarine.

As you may be aware, there is a long-standing policy not to respond to allegations about Agency activities which may appear in the press. I wish to assure you, however, that the Director of Central Intelligence is firmly committed to an affirmative equal employment opportunity program. We have not yet reached all of our objectives but we are making steady progress toward them.

I trust this information will assist you in responding to your constituent. In accordance with your request, the enclosure to your correspondence is being returned.

Sincerely,

Signed Frederick P. Hitz

Enclosure

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